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REMARKS

Objections to the specification

The specification has been objected to because it contains an embedded hyperlink and/or other form of browser-executable code on page 4, line 8, particularly the reference to www.hp_opensource.com. Applicant respectfully disagrees that the specification contains an embedded hyperlink or other form of browser-executable code. In actuality, the reference to the aforementioned web site is simply underlined, and is not an embedded hyperlink or other form of browser-executable code.

In an effort to rectify the objection, however, Applicant has amended the specification to remove the underlining, and to make clear that what is being referenced is simply an Internet web site. Thus, the specification recites that the "JDF is described in detail in JDF Specification Draft Spiral 4.0, available at the Internet web site www.hp_opensource.com." As such, the specification can no longer be considered as including an embedded hyperlink or other form of browser-executable code, but rather simply references an Internet web site.

Claim rejections under 35 USC 102

Claims 1-2 and 6-7 have been rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Huberman (6,078,906). Claim 1 is an independent claim, from which claims 2 and 6-7 ultimately depend. Applicant submits that as amended, claim 1 is patentable over Huberman, such that claims 2 and 6-7 are patentable over Huberman as well.

Claim 1 has been amended to particularly define what a "job ticket" is. In particular, the job ticket "is stored as an object comprising: a job identifier identifying the job request to which the job ticket is related; a service identifier identifying the job ticket service storing the job ticket; a task section defining the job ticket; and, a control data section including at least programming to complete the job ticket." Support for this amendment is found in the patent application

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as originally filed on page 2, line 2 (which indicates that the job ticket may be an XML object, which is one type of object), and on page 15, line 15 et seq (which describes an exemplary job ticket).

Applicant notes the following regarding the invention of claim 1, therefore. First, the job ticket object stores particular information, such as a job identifier, a service identifier, and a task section. Second, the job ticket stores actual *programming* by which the job ticket is completed. Thus, a job ticket object is more than simply an object that stores *data*, but rather is also an object that stores *programming* (i.e., computer-executable instructions and/or programs) that can be executed, for instance, by a computer.

Applicant submits that Huberman does not teach, disclosure, or suggest such a job ticket object. Huberman does not get into how its job tickets are represented, and thus in the first instance does not disclose any type of object as the job ticket. More specifically, Huberman does not disclose a job ticket object that stores *programming* that can be executed to complete the job ticket in question. Therefore, Huberman does not anticipate the claimed invention.

Claim rejections under 35 USC 103(a)

Claims 3-5 and 9-21 have been rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Huberman in view of Gindlesperger (6,397,197). Claim 8 has been rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Huberman in view of Meltzer (6,125,391). Claims 3-5 and 9 are dependent claims depending from claim 1, and therefore are patentable at least insofar as claim 1 is. Claims 10, 17, and 21 are independent claims, from which the remaining claims rejected under 35 USC 103(a) ultimately depend. Claims 10, 17, and 21 have each been amended similar to the manner in which claim 1 has been amended, as discussed above. Therefore, claims 10, 17, and 21 are patentable over Huber in view of Gindlesperger and/or Meltzer, because the particular job ticket object to which the claimed invention is limited is not found within the prior art. As such, the claims depending from claims 10, 17, and 21 are patentable as well.

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Conclusion

Applicants have made a diligent effort to place the pending claims in condition for allowance, and request that they so be allowed. However, should there remain unresolved issues that require adverse action, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone Mike Dryja, Applicant's representative, at 425-427-5094, so that such issues may be resolved as expeditiously as possible. For these reasons, and in view of the above amendments, this application is now considered to be in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited.

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